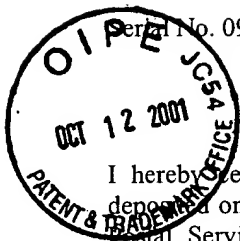


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application to correct minor informalities, as follows:

Please rewrite claim 37 as follows:

37. A pad for footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, said pad having a sole area extending for substantially the entire area underlying the foot of a user, comprising:

an underlying flexible sheet and an upper resilient inner sole member extending over and being removably secured to said underlying flexible sheet, said upper resilient inner sole member having a substantially uniform thickness and extending substantially over the entire sole area;